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WHO IS
IT?

WHO—

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CHAPTER 1

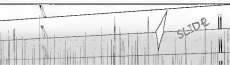
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SHUT

















IT'S
BETTER IF
YOU DON'T
STAY HERE
TOO LONG.

DON'T
TALK TO
ME—

HEY.



.....



IT'S NOT

A VERY GOOD
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD, NOT
GOOD











CH DINER

2 CUPS OF COFFEE.

WILL THAT BE ALL?

MEHR.

FIRST IS
"THAT",
ETHAN.
RIGHT?

MEHR.
MEHR.

I WILL
BRING THEM
OVER
SHORTLY.

WHAT
A HUGE
MIS-











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Aah.

I'm sick
of this.









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CONTINUED

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Midnight Rain

Chapter 1 Part 1



THE
GAS HAS
STOPPED...

IT'S
BEEN
POOR
GAS,
HUSB



WELL, OF COURSE.

SHIT,
IT HURT
LIKE A BITCH
THOUGH

EVER
WHEN
I GOT A
PAPER
CUT, IT
HURTS

Ha
Ha
Ha



IT'S A
GOOD THING
THE WOUND
WASN'T TOO
DEEP



IT DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
IT'S GOTTEN
INFECTED, SO
IT SHOULD
HEAL PROP-
ERLY



THERE
AREN'T
REALLY MANY
PEOPLE LIKE
THAT AROUND
HERE, YOU
KNOW

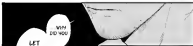


I SAID THIS
AREA WAS
DANGEROUS,
BUT FOR YOU
TO REALLY
GET SLASHED,
WELL...



Flashed -- A simple lodging facility









YOU
WERE THE
ONE WHO
CAME TO
ME, MGP



WELL,



OH, THAT IS
NOT ANOTHER
BROTHER
BUT A SISTER
AND SHE

EVEN
IF YOU
ASK ME
WHY











AL-
RIGHT?

HE'S GOT
SOME WEIRD
QUICKS AND



LET'S
PUT SOME
DISTANCE IN
MORE NORTH
AND ON
YOUR SIDE.

AND CHANGE
YOUR BAL-
ANCE'S TOO.



AND
WHAT'S
MORE -

THIS PLACE
IS DEFINITELY
MORE COM-
FORTABLE.

COM-
PARED TO
A MOTEL.

IT'S TRUE
THAT HE
SAVED ME.

HE
DOESN'T
CARE ABOUT
WHAT
OTHERS
SAY AND



SOMETIMES
HE SAYS
SOME THINGS
THAT ARE
TRUE.

IF YOU DO
ANYTHING
WROD, I'LL
BEAT YOU
TO DEATH

Brooklyn, what
a way to start

YOU'RE
NEED SO
CREDENT
UP UNTIL
NOW

THAT IT
MAKES ME
WANT TO PUT
SOMETHING
BESIDES MY
FINGER IN
YOU

WROD

WHAT
DO YOU
SAY AFTER
CALLING ME
DICKHEAD?

WHAT-?

WHAT?

OPEN YOUR
MOUTH SO I
CAN PUT SOMETHING
ON THERE

T IS
JOKING
T IS
JOKING

...

AM I ALSO
BEING AN IDIOT
FOR GETTING
BATHROOM SELF-
CONSCIOUS ALL
OF A SUDDEN?



WE'RE.



HIS
PHALLUS
AND UNEX-
PECTEDLY
LONG







THIS
WOULDN'T
HURT.



Swf

To be
continued

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Chapter 1 Part 1

Shed



I SAID!!





Lick

JUST
WHAT



am I
doing?



What
exactly is
"dirty"?

Squish













AND
BEFORE I
KNEW IT,
BUT THERE WAS
NO ONE
AROUND ME
IT WAS
SILENT FOR
ME TO
BE ALONE.

THE WORLD
OF THEM AND
SOMEONE ELSE
THAT CAN'T
OVERCOME
TIME TO LIVE
JULIENNE THEN
WASTED
I'VE GOTTER
GIVE NO MORE
A LIFE
THAT BOUNCES
IN A LOW-LEVEL
BRAIN STATE

IT WAS
AN APPROPRIATE
OCCUPATION
FOR ME TO BE
LEFT TO MYSELF
BEHIND BY
AN UNREMARKABLE
FACE AND MY
MURDER
PERSONALITY

THEY
WERE...





CONSIDER IT ME
WITH BLOOD WOUNDS
WOULD I WOULD
AND PERFECTLY
PUTTING OUT
FEELING ME
EVER GOING
DO FOR ME
TO PROTECT
100%



HOW IS THE
ALWAYS ?
IT'S NOT
SUCH A BIG
DEAL

I REMEMBER
THAT ON
THE WAY
FROM FROM
WENT AT A
NEW PLACE
THAT JUST
STAYED UP



FOR THAT
IS THE SAME
WHENEVER
AND GO
LET IT

I HAVE
DETACHED
THINGS
WELL, I'M
WASTING
OUTSIDE
THAT
LIFE
ON THE



THE
MOST
UNCOMFORTABLE
THING
EVER

I REMEMBER
A LOT OF
OTHER THINGS
AT THE
DEPARTMENT
TOO

IS
THAT
NOT

IS
HOW I'M
GETTING
USED TO
BEING
HERE.



HE ONLY APPROX-
IMATELY WANTS IT
TO BE LEFT,
BUT

I WILL
JUST
DO IT
THE
EASY
WAY

THAT'S
RIGHT



ALL
BE
GONE
TO
THE
LAND
DOWN
WITH
THE

THE
HE
DIDN'T
KNOW
HOW
TO
HANDLE
THE

I'LL
BE
LEAVING
TODAY



HE
CAN'T
WANT
BE
THAT
BAD

AND
HE
DIDN'T
TO
GET
LIVE
"THAT"
DIDN'T
HAPPEN

...AND
BETTER
THAT
WAY







NO
I—

I KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT,
AND NOW
YOU'RE GOING
AROUND ACTING
LIKE YOU'RE AN
GUARDIAN JUST
BECAUSE YOU
LOVED ME
BEEP



DID YOU
THINK I
WOULD JUST
WAG MY TAIL
LIKE A GOOD
LITTLE DOG?
IF YOU FOR
GET?



AND

ARE YOU
LOOKING
DOWN ON
ME?



NO

SHUT
UP!!

THAT'S
WHY I
CAN'T
ALLOW
MYSELF
TO GET
USED
TO IT

UP
UNTIL
NOW,
AND
EVER
LATER
THIS

TAKEN IS
NO SUCH
THING AS
CROWDS
WITHOUT
APOSTROPHE
SENTENCE
IS OUTSIDE.



THIS
IS FINE.

IF
YOU TELL
ANYONE
ABOUT ME
EVER AGAIN,
I'LL KILL
YOU.

JUST
THINK OF
YOURSELF
AS HAVING
DIED.
LATE.

DOESN'T
SEEM
TO ME
DOESN'T
SEEM FRIGHTENED
WITH ME.

—WAIT.
WAIT.

IF
YOU DON'T
WANT TO BE
WITH ME
DON'T
NOW.

I CAN
LEAVE FOR
A LITTLE
WHILE.





I'D
RATHER YOU
CURED AN AC.
HATE ME



THAT'S
WHY I'M
ASKING YOU.
PLEASE STAY
HERE JUST
A LITTLE
LONGER.

I
REALLY AM
WORRIED ABOUT
YOU.

EAT
SHIT.











A
CADDYSHAW
OF "WARRIOR"
CONTINUES
TO BE
WRITING.

WARRIOR

OF
IT'S HIS
OWN SOMETHING
LIKE ME—



COIN LAUNDROMAT



MIKE...?







WHY AREN'T
YOU GETTING
ALONG WITH
ADAM?

ARE
YOU AN
IDIOT?

DID I
JUST STAND
THERE AND
STARE
BLANKLY?



I'M
THE ONE
WHO PUT YOU
IN THAT BODY
STRAIN



BUT
THEN I
GOT EMBARRASSED—
SO I COULDN'T.
BUT...

I
WANTED
TO SAY
THIS AT
FIRST...

UM...

I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT
DYING

WELL,
ON THAT
DAY YOU
CAME TO
ME.



NOT
BECAUSE IT
WAS HARD
OR BECAUSE
I WANTED
TO DIE.

BUT
IN REALITY...
WHEN I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT JUST
GIVING UP.



I DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT
HEAVEN I
HAD TO
CUT MY
TEETH AND
LIVE FOR



YOU
CLUNG ON
TO ME BECAUSE
YOU WANTED
TO LIVE

YOU
CAME TO
ME.



YOU
SAVED
ME.



IT
DIDN'T CHANGE
THE FACT THAT
I WAS THE ONE
WHO WAS SAVED
FIRST.

IT
WAS JUST
AN ODDS
WASN'T
IT?

BUT



THAT'S WHY,
NO MATTER
HOW BADLY
YOU COE.

NO MATTER
HOW BADLY
YOU WERE
ALL UP IN
WHO WAS

WHAT'S MORE
I GOT ASSURED AND
SO GOOD AS
SAYING THEM TO
YOU... THE NEXT
MORNING IT CAME
AND I WAS SOMETHING
WRONG. TOO

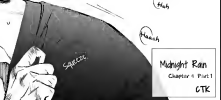
I
THOUGHT
IT WAS ONLY
NORMAL YOU
WOULD GET
ME.



















THAT IS...

HE'S FEELING IT, EVEN THOUGH HIS FACE IS IN SUCH A SORRY STATE

THIS GUY



SO IT WOULD BE FINE FOR YOU TO DO THAT, BUT IT'S NOT SO FOR ME TOO

GRAB



WELL, I

1



UNLESS YOU, I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT INSTEAD OF JUST ABANDONING PEOPLE





EVER THOUGHT I
WAS DESPERATELY
TRYING TO HOLD
MYSELF BACK

I'M
CONFIDENT
THAT YOU'VE
GONE TO BE
TAKING RES-
PONSIBILITY
FOR IT

HASN'T
HIS PER-
SONALITY
CHANGED
A LITTLE

LAUNDRY





THAT WOULD
DO IT FOR

ACTING
ALL ORN,
ENJOY THOUGH
YOU'VE BEEN
SHOOT SINCE
THE VERY
BEGINNING...

GRAB



THAT'S
WHY I WANTED
TO TAKE THE TIME
TO STRETCH YOU
OUT, BUT...

SURPRISE-

YOU SAID
YOU WOULD
TALK RESPONSIBLY
AND ALL THAT,
BUT...



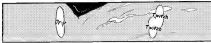
HE
JUST
WAS NOT
THE ONLY
THING
THAT WERE
WIDE

CLAP

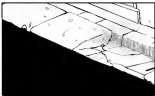
























WHAT ABOUT SUGAR?

DON'T
DEEP
AND



?



MR. BODY HEAT

TURNS ME THAT
IT'S FINE.

LOOK I'M BEING
COMFORTED?



AM I
ALSO

BEING
AFFECTED BY HIS
STUPIDITY P



ARE
YOU GO

WELL, IT
MAY NOT
BE TOO BAD
SUGAR

AM, I
DON'T GET IT
ANymore

WHY?
SUGAR
SUGAR

to be
continued





COLLIES ARE
EXTREMELY
FRIENDLY,
SOCIAL,

AND AFFEC-
TIONATE



GEEZ, WHAT
IS IT?

MIKE.

MIKE.

CAN'T
YOU SEE I'M
WATCHING
TV?



HA HA
BOL

THEY'RE
FLUFFY,

AND
THEY'RE
CUTE.



...



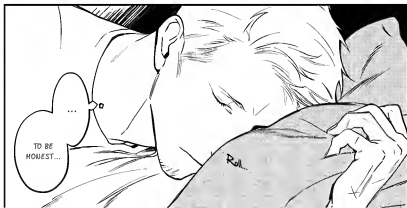
I'M
FLUFFY,
CUTE,

AND AFFEC-
TIONATE.

RIGHT?









I'M COMFORTABLE...











THE
DOOR'S
OPEN.



HM?



THEY PROBABLY
HEARD US WHEN
WE MADE NOISE
TOO.



IS ETHAN BACK?

NO, HE SAID HE
WOULD BE BACK AT
DAWN.

I CAN SENSE SOMEONE
INSIDE.

I DIDN'T LOCK THE DOOR, BUT I
WAS COMING BACK QUICKLY.

THIEVES.



RRR

SNEAK

CREAK

RRR



SWF





I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT
DRINKING
THAT BEER
TODAY.

WORK.

SO, WHERE'S
ETHAN?



TO ME,
YOU'RE MUCH
MORE SUSPI-
CIOUS.

...SUSPICIOUS.

I'M
JUST AN OLD
FRIEND.

HMPH.

Gulp

Gulp

Gulp



HE'S NEVER
FORGOTTEN ABOUT
COLLECTION DAY,
COULD IT BE THAT
HE'S SO BUSY THAT
IT SLIPPED HIS
MIND?

I SYMPA-
THIZE WITH HIS
CIRCUMSTANCES,
SO HE SHOULDN'T
FEEL THE NEED TO
PUSH HIMSELF
SO HARD...



NO, WE'RE NOT
CLOSE ENOUGH
FOR THAT, AND
IT'S NOT LIKE I
CONTACT HIM
DAILY.

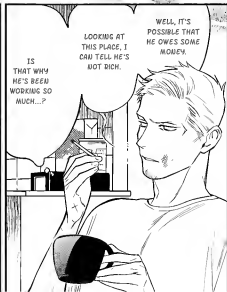
IS HE
WORKING AT
THE FACTORY
MORE?



DIDN'T
YOU KNOW
ABOUT IT?

HE SAID HE
HAD A LOT OF
WORK TO DO.





NO.

WAS IT ME WHO
FORCED HIM TO
DO SO?

"LATELY".

HE'S
GOTTED
MORE WORK
TO DO.

UTILITY
AND WATER
BILLS.

MEDICINE,
FOOD,

THE
COST FOR
AN ADDITIONAL
PERSON...

ECONIFE

THAT GEEZER
SEEMED LIKE
BAD NEWS.

I WONDER
IF HE'S THE
DANGEROUS
TYPE...

HE
SAID IT WAS
FINE FOR ME TO
RELAX BECAUSE I
SAVED HIM AND
ALL.

SO I THOUGHT I
WOULDN'T BE TOO
MUCH OF A BURDEN
SINCE I'M JUST ONE
EXTRA PERSON.

LIVING COSTS MONEY.

IT'S THE SIMPLE BUT
CRUEL TRUTH.

ANYWAY,
WHEN HE GETS
HOME, I HAVE
TO TELL HIM.

HE DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING ABOUT
HIS DEBT HIMSELF,
SO IT'LL BE A LITTLE
AWKWARD...

To Be continued





AN OLD
GEEZER WAS
HERE...

IN THE
AFTER-
NOON,



NOTHING
MUCH... JUST
TO LET YOU
KNOW HE
WAS HERE.

I SHOULDN'T
TELL HIM THAT WE
TALKED ABOUT HIS
DEBT...



CRAP. I WAS
SUPPOSED TO GIVE
HIM THIS MONTH'S
PAYMENT YES-
TERDAY.

HUH...?

W-WHAT
DID HE SAY?



I'M GOING
TO SLEEP
NOW.



ROLL...


BUT YOU
SHOULD
CONTACT
HIM...

I DON'T
REALLY
GET IT,



HE TOLD
YOU ABOUT IT?

THE FACT
THAT I'M
IN DEBT.



I WAS THINKING
THAT MAYBE, JUST
MAYBE, I ACCIDENTALLY
SAID OUT LOUD WHAT I
WAS INTENDING TO KEEP
QUIET ABOUT, BUT...



AH...

UMM...
HEY...

EDDIE



SO
THAT'S
WHAT IT
WAS.

AK, IS
THAT
SO...?

YEAH.

NO,
WELL...

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMMBLE

THAT OLD
GEEZER
ABRUPTLY
SAID THAT
AND LEFT.

SO I
DIDN'T HEAR
ANY DETAILS.



DID YOU
GAMBLE OR SOME-
THING WHEN YOU
WERE YOUNGER?

WHY'D
YOU GO AND
DO SOMETHING
AS STUPID AS
GETTING YOUR-
SELF INTO
DEBT?



IS HE MAD?

DID I SAY
SOMETHING?
NO, MORE IM-
PORTANTLY,



THIS
GUY...

IS HE
THE TYPE
WHO FLIPS OUT
WHEN HE GETS
PISSED...?

CREAK

I'M JUST
JOKING...



BWAHAHA.
I DIDN'T
GAMBLE OR
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT.

OF COURSE
I DIDN'T,
I'M POOR!

I WONDER
WHY THAT
OLD GEEZER
IS TELLING
EVERYONE.

...!
I'LL HAVE
TO TELL HIM
OFF WHEN I
CONTACT HIM
TOMORROW.



...WHAT?

HE DOESN'T
NEED TO REMIND
ME OF THAT SO
MUCH...



...I'M FINE, SO
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT.



I...



...I
FREAKED
OUT WHEN
I COULDN'T
SEE HIS FACE
DUE TO THE
LIGHTNING.

IF IT
WASN'T A BIG
DEAL, THEN
WHY DID HE
SOUND SO
PANICKED?

I'LL KICK
HIM OUT OF
THE BED, THE
BASTARD.





IT'S BECAUSE I WANT TO BE WITH YOU.

IF I SEEM DESPERATE, IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF MONEY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE SAID TO YOU, BUT IT'S FINE NOT TO TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY.

Clench...

IF HE'S SAYING ALL THAT,

THEN IT'S NONE OF MY CONCERN, RIGHT?

Grim
Grim

ANYWAYS, THANK YOU FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME.

I WASN'T.

THE MAN HIMSELF IS
SAYING HE'S FINE.

HE'S ALWAYS BEING SO FLIPPANT
AND MAKING DUMB JOKES.



THAT OLD GEEZER HAD A
PRETTY DANGEROUS FACE,
BUT IT WASN'T LIKE HE WAS
DESTROYING THINGS BE-
CAUSE ETHAN DIDN'T
PAY HIM BACK.

THAT'S RIGHT.
I SHOULD JUST
LEAVE IT BE.

JUST LIKE
HE SAID,
IT SHOULD
BE NO BIG
DEAL.



"I WAS THINKING
ABOUT DYING."



IT'S A LIE
THAT HE'S
FINE.

TO BE CONTINUED



I'M
HOOOME.

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Chapter 4

8:00 PM

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YEAH. TODAY IS MY
BOSS'S DAUGHTER'S
BIRTHDAY

HE SAID
THERE WERE
A LOT OF STORES
THAT CLDSE AT
THIS TIME ANYWAY
AND THEN...

HUH, YOU'RE
HOME EARLY
TODAY.

I bought you
some clothes!

HUH?

Mine are
a bit too big
for you, so it's
inconvenient,
right?



WON'T
YOU TRY
THIS ON?



COME ON,
MIKE.

I TOLD
YOU, YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO WORRY
ABOUT A
THING.



...YOU MET UP
WITH THAT GEEZER
AND TALKED IT OUT
PROPERLY,
RIGHT?

AND DESPITE
ALL THAT, YOU
STILL HAVE
MONEY TO BUY
STUFF?

YEAH I
TOLD HIM TO
STOP COMING IN
WITHOUT PER-
MISSION.



YOU PUT IT
ON, YOU HUGE
IDIOT!!



I BOUGHT
THESE FOR
YOU,

SO THEY'RE A
LITTLE SMALL
FOR ME...



HUH?

SLAM



I WANT
TO BE ABLE TO
GIVE HIM TONS OF
BETTER THINGS,
WITHOUT HAVING
TO CHECK IF IT'S
OKAY FIRST.

THAT'S HOW
I REALLY
FEEL.



IT'S NOT
LIKE I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHY MIKE GOT
MAD, BUT...



THERE WERE
SOME PRETTY DECENT
ONES OUT OF WHAT I
BOUGHT, THOUGH. I
WONDER IF HE'D
WEAR THEM...

...LET'S SLIP
THEM INTO THE
DRESSER.



AND BESIDES, I
BOUGHT THESE AT THE
THRIFT STORE FOR SO
CHEAP THAT I ALMOST
FEEL GUILTY FOR MAK-
ING HIM MAD OVER
ME SPENDING MONEY





OW.

TRUD



WATCH
WHERE
YOU'RE
GOING.



WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?

I WAS
TALKING TO
MYSELF.



I CAN'T
STAND HIS
POINTLESS
SPENDING BUT
WHAT I CAN'T
STAND EVEN
MORE...

IS HOW
HE'S PRETEND-
ING NOTHING'S
WRONG EVEN
AFTER I FOUND
OUT ABOUT HIS
CIRCUM-
STANCES.



FLAME
FLAME

PISSES
ME OFF!!

WHAT DOES
IT MATTER IF
YOUR CLOTHES
ARE TOO BIG
OR TOO
SMALL?!

IS HE AN
IDIOT?!



ping

THE THING
I HATE THE
MOST!!



ABOVE ALL
ELSE... THE
THING THAT
BOTHERS ME
THE MOST...

Mighty Mikey
Mike! Been a
while! It's me,
Jerry.

...HELLO.

Beep

!

WHAT IS IT?

Sorry, sorry
By the way...

THAT'S
UP TO ME,
ISN'T IT?

Hahaha,
that's true

I COULD
NOT PAY THE
PHONE BILL,
SO THEY SUS-
PENDED
IT.

You didn't
contact me at
all, I thought you
were dead

Huh? Use a
prepaid phone
No bill that way
right?

Are you still
in Wayne?

I GOT INJURED.

ARE YOU
TRYING TO PICK
A FIGHT NOW?

For real?
Who'd you pick
a fight with this
time?

What part of
you got broken
this time?

MM.



!

It's okay if you take your next job in Alexandria, too

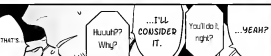
Sounds good, yeah?
We'll reward you handsomely to celebrate your return

All you have to do is pick up the goods in Wayne, and bring them down to Alexandria.

You'll need to take a long-distance bus, which sucks, but you're already used to that, right?

Great! You'll be needing a way to make a quick buck soon, no?

A perfect job just came in.



THAT'S...

Huuut??
Why?

...I'LL
CONSIDER
IT.

You'll do it,
right?

...YEAH?



YOU'RE
WRONG!

I'LL DO
IT!

TWITCH

YOU'RE-

Ah, could it be you've got a girl there?

Is there something making you hesitate?

WELCOME HOME NIKE
DID YOU EAT YET?



**DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT.**



You'd better
be up your
loose ends
properly

Okay. We're
leaving in three
days. I'll call you
again before
then.

Well then,
bye-bye!

Beep

...I
GOT IT.



ANYWAY,
TRYING TO GET
HIM TO OPEN UP
ABOUT IT SEEMS
TROUBLESOME.

HE'S THE
ONE LYING
AND HIDING
THINGS FROM
ME, ISN'T
HE?

...THAT'S
RIGHT.

I'VE ALREADY
TAKEN A LONG
ENOUGH BREAK,
SO I SHOULD LEAVE
BEFORE THAT
HAPPENS.

THE DAY HIS
BENEVOLENCE
RUNS OUT WILL
COME.

HE'S BEEN
LIVING ALL ON
HIS OWN, SO HE
PROBABLY JUST
GOT THE WRONG
IDEA, RIGHT?



WHEN I
LOOK INTO
HIS EYES,
FULL OF
DESIRE
FOR ME,

I FEEL
STRANGELY
CONTENT...

!!

Swf

WELL
THEN,

BUT...

Haa

Nn

Shiver
Shove

Twitche

SHALL WE
CONTINUE?

Shiver
Shove

Haaah...

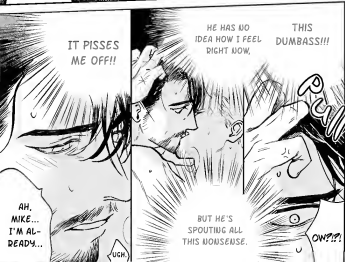
Twitche

Shove

Twitche



Twice







...WELL THEN,
I'LL WAIT UP FOR
YOU UNTIL YOU
GET HOME.

DON'T BE
TOO LATE.

I HAVE
SOMETHING I
WANT TO TALK TO
YOU ABOUT.

...YEAH.

UNDERSTOOD.





I'M NOT
INTERESTED
IN HELPING HIM
PAY BACK HIS
DEBT.

AND I HAVE
NO INTENTION
TO PRESS HIM
ABOUT IT, BE-
CAUSE I KNOW
IT'D JUST BE
AWKWARD.

BUT...



IT'S NOT
LIKE I WAS
GOING TO
TALK HIM
ANYTHING
IMPORTANT.

JUST THAT
IT WAS ABOUT
TIME FOR ME
TO GO SINCE
MY WOUND'S
ALL HEALED,
AND THAT I'M
GRATEFUL FOR
EVERYTHING...



Heeah

Heeah



HE NEVER
ASKED ME
ABOUT ANY-
THING.

IT WAS
EASIER FOR
ME THAT WAY
TOO.



IT'S NOT
LIKE I PARTICU-
LARLY KNOW MUCH
ABOUT ETHAN.

AH, BUT
IT'S....

IF HE DOESN'T
COME HOME, I
CAN'T TELL HIM
ANYTHING I DON'T
KNOW WHERE HE
WORKS EITHER.
SO I CAN ONLY
WAIT



IT'S THE
SAME FOR
HIM.

HE DOESN'T
KNOW MUCH
ABOUT ME

...HIS WAY OF
THINKING WAS
ABNORMAL.

RIGHT FROM
THE START.

SINCE
HE WORRIED
ABOUT ME LIKE
THAT.

IT'S
ALRIGHT, MIKE.
IT'S ALRIGHT.

Don't get
so friendly
with me. It's
dangerous.

Snifle

NO, GO
AWAY

Wanna go
out somewhere
for fun?

I DIDN'T
ANSWER HIM
PROPERLY.

WE HAD SOME
CONVERSATIONS
WHEN I DECIDED
TO STAY, BUT...

TO KEEP HIM
FROM TAKING
AN INTEREST
IN ME,

I ACTED LIKE
A THUG SO HE
WOULDN'T GET
TOO DEEPLY
INVOLVED...

...THAT'S
WHY.

SQUEEZE



THIS...

IS THE
KIND OF GUY
I AM, SO...

IS THIS WHY I
COULDN'T OPEN UP
MY HEART TO HIM
ABOUT EVERY-
THING?



JERRY

Bzz

...IT'S
FINE.

HE'S SO
TERRIBLE AT
HIDING IT THAT
IT'S IRRITATING
AND IT PISSES
ME OFF.

I ADMIT
THAT I CARE.

EVERYTHING
ISN'T FINE.

DAMN IT.



AH,
DAMN IT.

THINKING ABOUT
ALL THIS FOR SO
LONG, MAKES ME
WANT TO SEE HIM
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.



I WANT HIM
TO SHOW ME
HIS WEAK
SIDE TOO.

AT THE VERY
LEAST, I WANT HIM
TO RELY ON ME,
EVEN IF IT'S JUST
AS SOMEONE TO
TALK TO.

I DON'T
WANT TO LEAVE
WHEN THINGS ARE
LIKE THIS.



I HAVE
SOMEONE
WAITING, SO
I CAN'T
WAIT HERE
FOREVER.

There's
something
wrong
with me.

NO NO NO
MY HEART'S
GROWN WEAK
BECAUSE I'VE
BEEN SO COM-
FORTABLE!!



UGY
AHH!!

MIKE!!



.....

.....

YOU'RE
STILL HERE.

YOU'RE
LATE!!

DO YOU
KNOW JUST
HOW LONG I
WAITED...? NO
I MEAN IM
LEAVING NOW!!

W-W-
WHAT
THE
HELL?!!

Wipe
Wipe

GOOD...

GOOD-
BYE...

YOU...
WHAT...?!

...?!

SORRY FOR
MAKING YOU
WAIT.

TO BE CONTINUED

SAY
SOME-
THING!

WHAT'S
WITH YOUR
FACE?

HE HAS
HIS BAG...

W-

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Chapter 9

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PHEEW.

I DIDN'T HAVE
ANY WAY TO CON-
TACT YOU... I'M
GLAD I MADE IT

TALK
AFTER
YOU LET
GO OF
ME, YOU
BASTARD

...?! HEY LET
GO OF ME!!

I THOUGHT YOU
MIGHT HAVE LEFT
ALREADY BUT...



IS IT
REALLY THE
TIME FOR
YOU TO BE
SAVING STUFF
LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE ALL
COVERED IN
BLOOD.

I SAID
"LET GO",
DIDN'T I?!

Liyah



...?!

THAT'S
NOT IT.

...WERE YOU
WORKING AT A
BUTCHER'S
SHOP?



I KNEW HE'D
WEAR IT IF I PUT IT
IN THE CLOSET.

THAT'S ONE
I BOUGHT.

Yeah It
really wasn't
a big deal,
so...

T-THAT SHIRT.

SO YOU SUDDENLY
GOT MIXED UP IN A FIGHT,
AND THAT'S WHAT MADE
YOU LATE...? IS THAT
YOUR EXCUSE?



HE WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT ME.





FOR
NOW, JUST
SLAP SOME
BANDAGES
ON YOUR
WOUNDS

WHY DON'T WE
DISCUSS WHAT HAPPENED
AND WHAT YOU WANTED
TO TALK ABOUT AT THE
DINER AROUND THE
CORNER?

I'M STARVING.
I'LL CHANGE,
SO—

THANK YOU
FOR WORRYING
ABOUT ME.



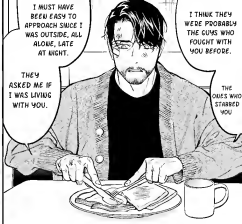
WHEN I
WAS GOING HOME
AFTER WORK, THESE
GUNS SUDDENLY
STOPPED ME.



AHH,
THOSE
GUYS...

I remember
this!

THEY
ASKED ME IF
I WAS LIVING
WITH YOU.



I MUST HAVE
BEEN EASY TO
APPROACH SINCE I
WAS OUTSIDE, ALL
ALONE, LATE
AT NIGHT.

I THINK THEY
WERE PROBABLY
THE GUYS WHO
FOUGHT WITH
YOU BEFORE.

THE
ONES WHO
STARRED
YOU



Chew

Chew

Chew



THAT'S
BECAUSE I
ANSWERED
THEM WITH
THAT.

Are they
detectives?

BUT HOW DID
THEY KNOW?
IT'S NOT LIKE
WE REALLY
WENT OUT
TOGETHER



AH, IS
THAT SO.



SWALLOW

It seems like
they weren't
sure, either.





THANKS TO A
FRIEND OF MY
FATHER'S IN THE
ORGANIZATION,
I WAS ABLE TO
PAY IT BACK
BIT BY BIT.



OF COURSE.
IT WAS ALSO
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR ME TO
PAY IT BACK,
BUT...

MAKES ME
SO HAPPY,
EVEN THOUGH
I KNOW IT'S
CHILDISH.

RAGING
AGAINST AND
RESENTING MY
SITUATION
CHANGED
NOTHING,
SO...

I LIVED
ON LIKE THAT,
UNABLE TO GAIN
ANYTHING, UN-
ABLE TO DREAM
ABOUT ANY-
THING.

MY
FATHER.

HE PUT
HIMSELF IN
DEBT BY
GAMBLING.

WAITED UNTIL
DAYBREAK
FOR ME...

HE BOR-
ROWED THAT
MONEY ILLI-
GALLY FROM
A GANG IN
THIS CITY.

SO
NATURALLY,
MY FATHER
WAS UNABLE
TO PAY BACK
THE DEBT
BEFORE HE
DIED.

THAT DEBT
WAS THEN
PASSED ON
TO ME.



UM, MIKE.
HEAR ME
OUT.



THE
FACT THAT
YOU...

I'VE MET
TONS OF GUYS
WAY WORSE
THAN THEM.

...MORE
IMPORTANTLY,

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
SHOULD BE
TELLING ME
ALL THIS?

WELL...

THAT WAS
WHY. AT THAT
TIME, I WAS
EXTREMELY
DEPRESSED.

I TOLD YOU
BEFORE I WAS
THINKING ABOUT
DYING, RIGHT?

NOW
THAT I THINK
ABOUT IT, I FEEL
LIKE I MIGHT HAVE
THOUGHTLESSLY
PUT A BURDEN ON
YOU WHEN I SAID
THAT, BUT...

AH, MAYBE
THIS CONVER-
SATION IS
ALSO...?

Really? Then
that's good.

...! ARE YOU
DISGUSTED WITH ME
AFTER HEARING IT?

NO, THAT'S
NOT WHAT I
MEANT...

I HAVE
SOMETHING I
WANT TO GIVE
YOU.

WELL
THEN...

?!
WHAT
NOW?!

WHAT
NOW?!

AH, I SAID
THAT'S NOT
WHAT I
MEANT!!

IF THAT'S
SO, WOULDN'T YOU
PLEASE PRETEND
YOU HEARD
NOTHING?



I ALSO
INTENDED
TO CHANGE THE
LOCKS, BUT I GOT
HOME TOO LATE
LAST NIGHT, SO
THEY SAID THEY
WOULD DO IT
TODAY.

A NEW KEY.



YOU DIDN'T
LIKE A RANDOM
GEEZER YOU
DIDN'T KNOW
COMING INTO
OUR HOME,
RIGHT?

HEY, I'LL BUY MY
OWN STUFFSQA...



TA-DAAA



...



MIKE?

THOUGH IT
WOULD HAVE
BEEN BEST TO
CHANGE IT
SOONER...



MIKE.







AND I'LL
DO MY BEST
NOT TO COME
HOME TOO
LATE.

...I'LL MAKE YOU
LOTS OF DELICIOUS
FOOD,



I'VE...
FOUND
A WAY TO
MAKE A QUICK
BUCK, SO I'M
LEAVING.



THE ONLY
REASON I WAITED
FOR YOU WAS BECAUSE
I THOUGHT I SHOULD AT
LEAST LET YOU KNOW
I WAS LEAVING, SINCE
YOU TOOK CARE OF
ME AND ALL.

YOU'VE GOT
IT ALL WRONG. IT
DOESN'T MATTER
WHETHER YOU COME
HOME EARLY OR
LATE.

HA.



—I!!

WEREN'T
YOU...



THE ONE WHO
SOUGHT ME OUT?



...JUST NOW, IT
SOUNDED LIKE HE
SAID SOMETHING.

...IT'S
ALRIGHT,
MIKE.



-DON'T

comedy

AH



I DON'T
WANT TO

DIE...





PLEASE..



DON'T LEAVE
ME ALONE.



THIS
GUY'S NOT
PLAYING
FAIR.

WITH WHAT HE
SAID JUST NOW,
HE'S MAKING
MY RESOLVE
WAVER AGAIN.



JUST TRY
THINKING
ABOUT IT.

HE'S IN
SO MUCH
DEBT THAT
HE THOUGHT
ABOUT GIV-
ING UP ON
LIFE.

I'VE GOT
A TWISTED
PERSONALITY,
AND I CAUSE
TROUBLE
WHEREVER
I GO.

RIGHT
NOW, I'M
JUST CLING-
ING TO A
MOMENTARY
ILLUSION OF
PEACE.



EVEN IF I
TAKE HIS
HAND...





WE...

CAN'T
BE HAPPY
TOGETHER.



DIDN'T I
TELL YOU THAT
I WAS WORRIED
ABOUT WHETHER
I WAS A BURDEN
TO YOU?

I CAN'T TAKE THIS
AS ANYTHING BUT
YOU THREATENING
ME, THOUGH.

AS...
AS LONG
AS WE'RE
TOGETHER,
IT'S FINE,
RIGHT?



.....!!!!







I'M NOT
LIKE THIS WITH
EVERYONE,
THOUGH.



Sigh

...WHATEVER.
TALKING TO YOU
ABOUT IT WILL JUST
TURN ME INTO AN
IDIOT.

YOU REALLY
ARE A STRANGE
GUY.



IT LOOKS LIKE
THE RAIN'S
STOPPED.

AH.

Plip

Plip

THE FOOD SERVED FIRST THING IN THE MORNING BY INHOSPITABLE AND UNWELCOMING EMPLOYEES, AND THE AWFUL COFFEE.

THE OPPRESSIVE SOUND OF RAIN AND THE NAUSEATING STENCH DRIFTING OUT FROM THE GUTTERS.

THIS CITY...

THANKS TO THAT, I WAS SOAKED.

IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR US TO HEAD HOME, RIGHT?

IT WAS FALLING ALL OF LAST NIGHT, TOO.

I WANT TO TAKE A SHOWER.

AS USUAL,

EVERY LAST ONE OF THESE THINGS IS SOMETHING I HATE.

AH, THAT'S RIGHT

MIKE, WANT TO GO OUT SOMEWHERE ON MY NEXT DAY OFF?

THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY MORE GUYS TRYING TO PICK FIGHTS WITH US—



HOWEVER,
THERE'S JUST
ONE EXCEPTION
THAT I'VE
MADE...

MIKE, YOU
HAD A CELL
PHONE?

YEAH.

WHY DIDN'T
YOU TELL
ME?

IF I'D TOLD
YOU, YOU'D
CALL ME,
WOULDN'T
YOU?

HOW CRUEL,
OF COURSE I
WOULD.

GIVE
ME YOUR
NUMBER.

WHAT A
PLEASANT
COINCIDENCE.

NO WAY.

YOU SAY
THAT EVEN
THOUGH YOU'LL
STILL GIVE IT
TO ME IN THE
END...

END